



**Office of the Federal Coordinator for Gulf Coast Rebuilding**  
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Greetings from the Regional Office of Donald Powell, the Federal Coordinator for Gulf Coast Rebuilding:

We want to remind you of three important deadlines: **July 31, August 28, and October 16, 2006.**

**Bush-Clinton Katrina Fund Interfaith Grants** – The Bush-Clinton Katrina Fund (BCKF) through its Interfaith Grants will provide faith institutions damaged by Hurricane Katrina with funding up to **\$200,000 to rebuild** their houses of worship. This is an increase from the original **\$35,000** grant maximum. Applications are being accepted through **July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2006** and will be reviewed and granted on a rolling basis. To apply, you must be a house of worship located in the affected area prior to Hurricane Katrina, and rebuild within Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi. For more information on the Interfaith Grants and guidelines, please go to [www.bushclintonkatrinafund.org](http://www.bushclintonkatrinafund.org), or if you have additional questions, call Public/Private Ventures at 1-800.715.0983.

**Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Awareness Program** – Hurricane Katrina victims are eligible to receive up to \$4,400 cash back from the Earned Income Tax Credit. The EITC allows American workers who earned \$35,000 or less in 2005 to file for this tax refund. The EITC is a benefit that can be applied for as far back as three years and have until **August 28, 2006** to file. The money will not replace everything lost during the hurricane, but just maybe it can help a little. Detailed information on the EITC can be found at [www.clintonfoundation.org](http://www.clintonfoundation.org).

Also, the Internal Revenue Service is providing additional time to file 2004 and 2005 individual tax returns through **October 16, 2006** for certain affected taxpayers hit hardest by Hurricane Katrina. For more information, see IRS Notices 2006-50, 2006-30 and 2006-20 at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)

If your Interfaith Grant application has already been submitted, we ask that you forward this information to Churches that you know who can benefit. If we can be of assistance to you at anytime, please give me a call on 225.389.3476. You may also contact Jewel Pearson on 571.232.9146.

Sincerely,

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